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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of ELINT, DDS&T

SUBJECT: U-2R Detection and Avoidance of USSR
Fighters

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1. We are in receipt of a proposed [redacted] for possible application to the U-2R. This proposal has been reviewed by my staff and would appear to have some merit. As you are no doubt aware OSI has previously stated that in the near future the presence of more sophisticated, high altitude fighter aircraft could present a serious threat to the survivability of the U-2. This matter was considered in the [redacted] which should be in the inventory in the immediate future. Although every indication to date is that [redacted] will satisfy the requirement in the interim; it has limited application in the full hemispherical coverage when applied to the future.

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2. I am aware of some previous evaluations that your Activity has accomplished relative to previous proposals submitted by Lockheed and respect your comments and appraisal at that time. The attached proposal appears to include a reassessment on the part of Lockheed to develop a more viable piece of equipment that could better satisfy the threat requirement of the future in addition to providing

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3. I would be most appreciative of your Group's reassessment and evaluation of the attached proposal in view of the indicated improvements and results of test accomplishments.

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DONALD H. ROSS
Brigadier General, USAF
Director of Special Activities

Attachment: a/s

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3. Concur - knowing this system (if bought) may be some 2 yrs down the road. JW

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